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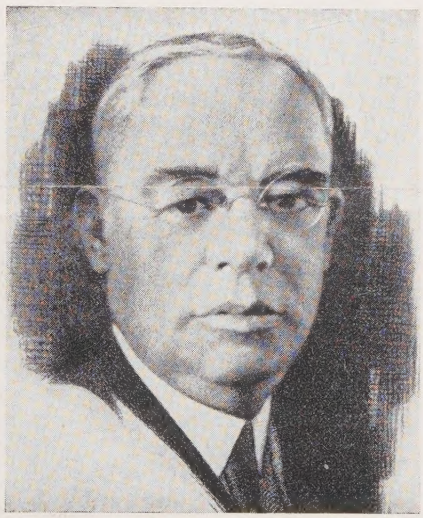
MILBANK JOHNSON, M. D.

Founder of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity

Who He Was and His Life Career

Milbank Johnson, M.D., who, on October 31, 1890, when he was a student in Northwestern University Medical School, founded the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, died of a heart attack October 3, 1944, at the Huntington Memorial Hospital in Pasadena, California. He was born in Columbus, Texas, in 1871 and was a graduate of the University of Southern California, from which university he received his Bachelor of Science degree as well as an honorary LL.D. He received his M.D. degree from Northwestern University in 1893 and in 1917 was given an honorary Doctor of Laws degree. He studied at Johns Hopkins and in European hospitals.

He had been in practice in Los Angeles since 1893. He was professor of physiology and clinical medicine at the College of Medicine of the University of Southern California from 1897 to 1901, and from 1901 to 1913 was chief surgeon for the Southern California Edison Company. From 1913 to 1936, Dr. Johnson was vice president and director of the Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company and after his retirement in that year devoted his interest to the California Taxpayers' Association and other civic activities. In 1900 he was a member of the Los Angeles Board of Health. He also served as president of the Municipal Charities Commission and as a member of the Board of Freeholders which revised the Los Angeles City Charter in 1916.



MILBANK JOHNSON, M.D.

During World War I, 1917 to 1919, Dr. Johnson was a member of the executive committee of the California Military Welfare Committee, and from 1920 to 1926 he served as president of the Southwest Museum. During 1925 to 1926 he was president of the California Taxation Improvement Association. He was president of the California Conference of Social Agencies, a member of the Board of Directors of the Pasadena Hospital Association and a member of the executive committee of the National Tax Association. He was one of the founders of the Automobile Club of Sounthern California, founder of the Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity in 1890, and was a member of Phi Gamma Delta, a 32nd degree Mason, a Knight Templar and a Shriner. One of his greatest interests was the California Education Aid Foundation, of which he was vice-chairman.

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A summary compiled from "Who's Who in America" reveals the large number of medical, social welfare and civic interests in which Doctor Milbank Johnson, founder of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, took part during the period commencing in 1890, when he took up the study of medicine, and ending with his death in 1944.

MILBANK JOHNSON
Physician, Social Economist

Born in Columbus, Texas, October 13, 1871; son of Jehu Warner and Philadelphia Wheeler (Borden) Johnson.

M.D., Northwestern University, 1893 (honorary LL.D., 1917).

B.Sc., University of Southern California, 1900 (honorary LL.D., 1917).

Student at Johns Hopkins Hospital and European hospitals.

In private practice at Los Angeles, California, 1893-1901.

Professor of physiology and clinical medicine, College of Medicine of the University of Southern California, 1897-1901.

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Chief surgeon of the Southern California Edison Company, 1901-1913.

President of the Municipal Charities Commission, Los Angeles, 1913-1917.

Director, Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company, commencing in 1917.

Director, American Insurance Federation for some years, commencing in 1917.

Member Los Angeles Board of Health, 1900-04.

Member Board of Freeholders which revised City Charter of Los Angeles, 1916.

Member of executive committee of California Military Welfare Committee, 1917-19.

Member of American Medical Association, Southern California Medical Association, Los Angeles County Medical Society.

Member of California Conference of Social Agencies (ex-president).

Member of American Conference on Social Work.

Founder of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, October 31, 1890.

Mason; 32° Scottish Rite, Knight Templar, Shriner.

Republican.

Clubs: California, Los Angeles Athletic, Landmarks, Los Angeles Country, Auto Club of Southern California (a founder), University.

Director, California Society S.A.R.

President of Southwest Museum.

Contributor to publications on social economics and medicine.

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An item commenting on his death, which appeared in the Pasadena "Star-News" of October 3, 1944 reveals the esteem in which he was held in the community where he had his residence:

Dr. Milbank Johnson, 73 years of age, nationally-known social economist and chairman of the board of directors of the California Taxpayers' Association since 1926, died early today at the Huntington Memorial Hospital, following a brief illness. Stricken only Saturday, news of his sudden death will come as a great shock to the community. Passing of Dr. Johnson brought to a close a colorful and varied career, marked by a devotion to guiding and counseling young people that their careers, in turn, might be successful.

Those who knew and admired Dr. Johnson commented on the fact that he always was "looking ahead and never was content to live in the past."

One of Dr. Johnson's greatest interests, because it enabled him to help young people, was the California Educational Aid Foundation of which he was vice-chairman. Its purpose is to provide scholarships for adolescents to secondary schools for training in leadership. Through Dr. Johnson and due to his wise counseling many young people have received a helping hand to outstanding careers. . . .

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The publication "Tax Digest," November, 1944 (Vol. 22, No. 11), on the occasion of Dr. Milbank Johnson's death, presented a special page, with photograph. The appended resolutions show in what high regard his civic and other services were held. Resolutions follow:

DR. MILBANK JOHNSON

1871-1944

Dr. Milbank Johnson, Chairman of the Board of Directors of California Taxpayers' Association since its organization in March, 1926, and one of its founders, died unexpectedly in Pasadena, on October 3. . . .

The board of Directors of California Taxpayers' Association, on October 5, paid tribute to Dr. Johnson's service in these words:

"A lifetime of active service to his fellow men has closed, and Dr. Milbank Johnson, our colleague and friend, has been removed from our midst.

"The outward facts of his life and his many services to the people of California are well known to the citizens of our great State and his work has had national recognition as well, in the fields of medicine and the public welfare.

"His creative ability, his understanding, his leadership, and his services given without expectation of return, his courage, and his forward vision, have left worthy and enduring monuments.

"BE IT RESOLVED that we, the members of the Board of Directors of California Taxpayers' Association, pay tribute to Dr. Milbank Johnson as a citizen of great accomplishments."

Dr. Milbank Johnson

Dr. Milbank Johnson

YOU AND YOUR FRATERNITY

PAUL L. McLAIN, M.D., *Chi*
President of The Grand Chapter

The pros and cons of fraternity membership have been discussed by several generations of able protagonists, in the public press, in periodicals, in the chapter house, and in homes the continent over. It would be interesting, though somewhat beside the point, to determine how many people have been convinced by such arguments, either one way or the other. The purpose of this discussion is to face squarely an oft-clouded issue; to indicate with complete frankness the net expectation of the fraternity man, and by this means to make him a better fraternity man.

Those who sing the praises of fraternalism often feel called upon to direct their appeals to reason, thereby neatly missing the point. The writer has been guilty of this fault on more than one occasion, but must admit that he has never found the subject effectively approached from such an angle. Fraternity membership as a good investment, as a form of insurance, as any sort of a practical business venture, can be defended only in terms which, to the mature mind, have the ring of a cracked bell. Fraternalism is primarily an emotional adventure, in theory as well as in practice, and its basic values, whatever they may be, are subjective in nature.

It is true that fraternal organiations have certain avowed objectives, toward which they strive with more or less success, and that these objectives have often to do with externals. It is just as true that the objectives might at times be accomplished more efficiently by other agencies, and that the accomplishment is much less important to the growth and strength of the organization than is the impact of striving upon the membership.

Fraternities differ from other types of "service" organizations chiefly in two respects: the academic atmosphere in which by tradition they are nurtured; and the personal relationships among the members. Fraternities therefore supply the mechanism for recapturing the more pleasant experiences of college life, including the renewal of fruitful friendships, and for the humanizing influences of intimate association, usually over a period of years, with congenial companions engaged in common pursuits. The results, so far as the individual is concerned, may be important or not, according to his needs and his receptiveness, but they lie almost wholly in the realm of intangibles. If there are practically useful by-products, such as a profitable business contact or some profitable pre-examination tutoring, these are fortuitous, and do not alter the basically subjective character of the fraternal relationship.

A speaker at an initiation banquet once asked, rhetorically, "What should you expect of your fraternity?" His answer was, "Nothing!" Insofar as he referred to fraternity membership as a tangible asset, he was quite correct, and his summation, though brief, showed a clearer concept of the meaning of fraternalism than many a rushing speech.

The fraternity offers to the sincere, conscientious member unsurpassed opportunities for self-development. The ramifications are too numerous to outline, but some important phases come to mind immediately: the formation of lasting friendships, the development of tolerance and respect for one's fellows, self-discipline, loyalty, the awakening of social consciousness, the satisfaction of well-directed and integrated communal effort, acquisition of a sense of personal and professional responsibility, some basis for personal evaluation, some fundamental ideas about the meaning of real education. Such things have no value in dollars and cents — at least none that can be anticipated with any approach to accuracy; their weight is felt in the business of living with oneself and with one's associates. The bonds which hold a man to his fraternity for life are forged by the realization of value received on a social and intellectual — one might almost say spiritual level.

If one accepts this evaluation of the meaning of the fraternity to the individual, it is logical to ask whether fraternity membership is essential to the development of such personal attributes. The most ardent fraternity man could not sincerely hold any such conviction. The fraternity fosters the attributes. It neither assures them nor claims any monopoly on their development. Certainly there are individuals who do not require the atmosphere of the fraternity, who do not want it, and who should not consider fraternity membership. A significant portion of the college population, however, needs help in the directions indicated above, and can achieve a mature philosophy of life and satisfactory perspective more readily within the fraternal circle than alone, or by some other agency. While the fraternity is not a necessity, therefore, it still is not, broadly speaking, a luxury.

If the personal advantages of fraternity membership are real, even though intangible, it is reasonable to expect some reflection of aggregate fraternal influence on the community life where fraternities flourish. College and university administrators almost unanimously tolerate fraternal organizations, and the majority openly support them. The fraternities, therefore, are making important and favorable contributions to the institutions at which they operate. The nature of these contributions varies widely, but in general it is a matter of supplementing the curricula in ways that are beyond the scope or capabilities of formal teaching. The impact of fraternities upon general community life, as contrasted with

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

MILBANK JOHNSON

Founder of Phi Rho Sigma

When the present editor of *The Journal* arrived in Los Angeles almost fifty years ago, one of the first professional colleagues with whom he became acquainted was Dr. Milbank Johnson, founder of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, whose death occurred on October 3, 1944. It was in October of the year 1890 that Dr. Milbank Johnson gathered about him the fellow classmen who were to be his co-founders in the establishment of Phi Rho Sigma.

The current issue of *The Journal* being scheduled for appearance in October, it was natural for the editor to think somewhat of the founding of the fraternity. From that came the thought to present to members of Phi Rho Sigma an outline of the career and achievements of Founder Milbank Johnson, as it is known to citizens of Los Angeles and California.

Milbank Johnson was a believer in work. Even though possessed of more than average financial means, his mind was constantly busy with thoughts of service and work. Endowed with vision and keen foresight of needs, he lent his aid through the years of his life to many important activities. Just as in his collegiate days, he was the motivating spirit and leader in the founding of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, so in his later career in California, he continued to be a founder and charter member of worth while enterprises and a working director and executive in others to which he gave his allegiance and able service.

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In the *Phi Rho History and Directory* of the year 1912, a member of the first group of initiates of Alpha Chapter at Northwestern, Dr. E. M. Brown, wrote of him in the following words:

"I do not believe Phi Rho Sigma can ever do too much to show its appreciation of the efforts of Dr. Milbank Johnson during this time of which I speak. He was enthusiastic and untiring in his labors and a prince in his liberality. We owe him much."

And when David E. W. Wenstrand (*Alpha* - Northwestern) wrote the history that appeared in the *Phi Rho Directory* of 1937, he stated, "Let me repeat that Phi Rho Sigma was conceived in Milbank Johnson's imagination and to him alone belongs all the credit of its birth and early development." Dr. Wenstrand wrote also, "More than once I have heard Johnson say, 'We built along the lines of friendship, good fellowship, and ability, realizing that such attributes are most enduring.' "

And Dr. Stuart Wilson (*Zeta*-Michigan, Past-President of the Fraternity, in his Grand Chapter address printed in *The Journal* of November, 1941, gave this tribute: "At the very start, Phi Rho Sigma had an objective directed toward the making of better doctors. The slogan — Friendship, Application, Diligence, and Good Fellowship— indicated a group of good basic characteristics to build upon."

Phi Rho's who scan these lines, if they would have their hearts glow with gladness, are urged to turn to a page in this issue to read what the good Phi Rho frater who contributes "Censor Medicinæ" column says about Milbank Johnson — the conditions under which the Fraternity saw the light of day, its purposes and achievements, and the changes that have taken place in medicine and the world during the last half century.

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The editor, in checking on degrees Dr. Johnson had received, and noting a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern California in the year 1900 (Dr. Johnson received his M.D. degree from Northwestern in 1893), communicated with the authorities of the University of Southern California. He found that Dr. Johnson (who received an honorary LL.D. from U.S.C. in the year 1917) had matriculated in the Liberal Arts Department while practicing medicine in Los Angeles, and had actually earned this Bachelor of Science degree through completion of the necessary subjects that he did not possess when he matriculated at Northwestern as a medical freshman some ten years before. Certainly, here we find "Application and Diligence" well exemplified.

To cite another instance of what seemed to be at the time only a commendable plan, but one which was the nucleus in the development of the Library of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, an institution that promises to become one of the great medical libraries of the United States: Dr. Johnson during the period 1897-1901 was professor of physiology and clinical medicine in the College of Medicine of the University of Southern California, and at that time gave 1000 books to establish the Hendryx Library, which was later merged into the Barlow Medical Library (founded by another Phi Rho, the late Dr. W. Jarvis Barlow), and then into the Library of the Los Angeles County Medical Association. Perhaps that interesting story may be told in some future issue of *The Journal*.

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For the Fraternity archives, the

editor was fortunate in being able to secure from members of Dr. Johnson's family, photographs of Milbank Johnson taken at different ages and several of these appear in this issue in the biographical sketch that has been compiled.

To scan the biographical outline printed on another page and to note the splendid list of worth while works—some initiated by Dr. Johnson himself, and others having his wholehearted effort in promotion of the objectives for which they stood—is convincing evidence that Phi Rho Sigma was conceived and brought into being by a man, different from the average run of mortals, who lived his years of life in deeds typifying what Phi Rho Sigma exemplifies—"Friendship, Application, Diligence and Good Fellowship."

On the eve of this, the 58th birthday of Phi Rho Sigma, we who are members of the Fraternity are glad to bow our heads in gratitude and reverence, that it was given to us to have as our Founder, none other than Doctor Milbank Johnson.

PHI RHO'S HOLD HIGH POSITIONS IN A. M. A.

Nowhere on this planet is the medical profession better organized than in the United States. The American Medical Association is an organization to which every member of Phi Rho Sigma should belong. Membership in the A.M.A. is automatically conferred when a physician joins his county medical society.

In the great national medical association are several offices of major executive importance and honor. This year Phi Rho's may take special pride in knowing that three of the outstanding leaders in the American Medical Association are members of Phi Rho Sigma, reference being made to:

A.M.A. President: R. L. Sensenich (*Gamma*-Chicago) of South Bend, Indiana.

A.M.A.Speaker of the House of Delegates: F. F. Borzell (*Rho*-Jefferson, of Philadelphia, Pa.

A.M.A. Secretary and General Manager: George F. Lull (*Rho*-Jefferson, of Chicago, Illinois.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Journal* are other items of interest concerning Phi Rho's. Mention may be made of the recognition given by the Philadelphia Medical Society through grant of the Strittmatter Award and Medal to Dr. P. F. Lucchesi (*Rho*-Jefferson) for his long service to the public in the hospitals of that city. Or read, concerning our deceased brother, Arthur C. Rothrock (*Lambda Phi*-Pennsylvania), the fine editorial tribute given to him in the *Maui News* in far off Hawaii.

In all parts of our land we find Phi Rho's playing their parts with credit to themselves, their communities and to Phi Rho Sigma, as they carry on in service as true physicians and members of the guild of the healing art.

"THE JOURNAL OF PHI RHO SIGMA"

At this year's Grand Chapter Session held at French Lick Springs, Indiana, Dr. Lewis A. Alesen (*Beta*-Illinois) who, in 1946 succeeded Dr. Paul L. McLain (*Chi*-Pittsburgh) as editor of *The Journal of Phi Rho Sigma,* submitted his resignation, necessary because of the demands made on his time by professional work. As he puts aside his editorial pen, the good wishes and appreciation of Phi Rho Sigma go with him. To take over the editorial work, Dr. George H. Kress (*Delta*-U.S.C.) was elected by the Grand Chapter. Associate Editors William J. Stapleton, Jr. (*Epsilon*-Wayne), Dudley M. Stewart (*Delta Omicron Alpha*-Tulane) and John F. Wilson (*Rho*-Jefferson) will continue to carry on, and will be augmented by the addition of Dr. David E. W. Wenstrand (*Alpha*-Northwestern), who needs no introduction in the Fraternity of Phi Rho Sigma.

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The policy of *The Journal* as established in the past will be continued. An effort will be made to present subject matter of interest and also of possible value, not only to Actives but to Alumni. The Central Office aims to send the quarterly *Journal* to every living alumnus whose name is on its mailing list. Alumni are requested to notify the Central Office in Pittsburgh of changes in address.

The current issue of *The Journal* features historical information, since Founder's Day will be observed by collegiate and alumni chapters on or about the Fraternity's 58th birthday—October 31, 1948.

No need exists here to recount in any detail the record of the Fraternity's splendid past or to dilate on plans for the future. What Phi Rho Sigma has accomplished and is doing is known and cherished by Phi Rho's everywhere.

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In the next issue of *The Journal,* letters from collegiate chapters will be featured. In this connection, attention is called to the Directory which appears on the last page of the current issue. Chapters are requested to promptly inform the Central Office of any changes in address, since the Directory will be of special value if kept up to date.

Suggestions concerning *The Journal's* contents will be appreciated. The official publication is designed for the members — both collegiate and alumni — and can be of greatest service in promoting the interests of Phi Rho Sigma, if all alike give cordial and fraternal cooperation by sending in news and other items, both personal and non-personal. *The Journal* hopes to make its pages of such interest that every Phi Rho who receives it will take the time to at least hastily scan its pages. If that aim is attained, increased interest and service for Phi Rho Sigma will result, and that is one of the objectives of *The Journal.*

OUT OF THIS WORLD. ANESTHETICS AND WHAT THEY DO TO YOU. *By Doctor Sylvan M. Shane. Creative Age Press, New York.* $2.00.

This is a fine book for patients who are about to be operated upon. It is reassuring and humorous.

CENSOR MEDICINÆ

• Looking back over the years since that fateful day in October, 1890 when Milbank Johnson gathered together nine of his school mates and set in motion the beginning of Phi Rho Sigma, many changes have taken place in medical fraternalism, medical education, and the world. Dr. Johnson lived through a period of history that in all the ages of the world, was the most progressive, and yet the most terrible. He had seen his fraternal nucleus expand from a group of good fellows, whose fellowship was expressed in terms of beer and song, ascend to the heights of heroism and self-sacrifice. He had seen his single unit of medical fraternalism expand with a rapidity that was phenomenal.

• Medical fraternities were not a novelty at that time. Social fraternities had spread out of the South, and Greek letter organizations had begun to flourish. The college and university communities were well aware of the existence of these groups, and many of them did not enjoy a too savory reputation. Roistering and horseplay were the order of the day; scholastic merit was overlooked in the individual chapters of these pioneers, and attention was focused on fun, frolic and spiritus frumenti.

• Milbank Johnson and his little group of medics met this competition, and attracted attention to the seriousness of their purpose. They could drink beer and sing, but they took with them a spirit of scholastic accomplishment that was the source of wonder and admiration wherever Phi Rho Sigma was introduced. The very idea that a medical student could be a gentleman of culture, and was deeply interested in attaining excellence in his studies, was almost too much for Society to believe. That these earnest young men could strive to improve their scholarship and had given every effort to assist their fraters, and could still assemble for an evening of social pleasure, conducting themselves as gentlemen, was beyond the comprehension of the righteous of the gay nineties and of the early years of the twentieth century.

• Milbank Johnson had a new idea, and like all new ideas, it was revolutionary. Once the gospel of his fraternity, which was . . "built along the lines of friendship, good fellowship and ability . . . had an opportunity to spread, the scoffers became converts, and the incredulous became believers. It was too good to be true, but in practice, in virtually every corner of the North American continent, the practical functioning of Johnson's concept of a medical fraternity whose attributes were well in advance of his time, proved to be most enduring.

• With the advance in science, with the replacing of the Welsbach mantle by electricity, and the horseless carriage which came to stay, Phi Rho Sigma, sparked by Milbank Johnson and his fraters, spread from medical school to medical school. The passing of the Listerian phenol spray, and the acceptance of asepsis, the installation of Roentgen's skiagraph in hospitals, and the forward march of medicine and surgery were incidents in the period of growth of that idea. The Spanish-American war, the Mexican border incident, and the "war to end all wars" found disciples of Johnson living the precepts of Phi Rho Sigma well within the range of hostile fire. How well they practiced the code of Phi Rho Sigma can be attested by the continuing spread of Johnson's idea.

• To mention those eminent in the profession of medicine who have carried the nobility of Phi Rho Sigma in their hearts, would necessitate more space than that allotted for this little piece. Contemporary medical history is filled with their achievements. Many have lived and passed on; each leaving an inextinguishable flame in the hearts of their students and confreres, illuminating their fraternal creed, "Once a Phi Rho, always a Phi Rho."

• Milbank Johnson lived his final years in this present generation of his brothers in Phi Rho Sigma. He saw the gathering of the war clouds over Europe with the rise of totalitarianism. He saw thousands of his fraters dutifully answer the call of their country, unselfishly giving up personal gain to administer to their compatriots, in hospitals, on battlefields, and on the heaving seas. Before his passing, he saw hundreds of Phi Rho's honored for their devotion, over and above the call of duty.

• Throughout his life, Milbank Johnson has seen the fruition of his idea, which has been marked by a spreading intensity in the hearts of all who were fired by it in their student days. He has left his name graven on the hearts of his brothers. He has wrought his idea well.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

We are planning a Phi Rho luncheon at the A.M.A. interim session in St. Louis, November 30 to December 3, 1948, but the exact arrangements have not yet been made Please consult the bulletin board at the registration desk.

FOUNDERS DAY PROCLAMATION

On October 31, 1948, Phi Rho Sigma will enter its 59th year of existence. This current issue features achievements of Founder Milbank Johnson. Articles call attention to the beginnings of Phi Rho Sigma, its principles, ideals and aspirations. The Actives of the present year may be interested in reading the Founder's Day Proclamation of the year 1940, when Phi Rho Sigma celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding. The proclamation of that year follows, as it appeared in *The Journal of Phi Rho Sigma* of September, 1940 (vol. 37, No. 1).

Proclamation

By virtue of the power invested in me as President of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, and in accordance with the recommendations of the Executive Council, I hereby decree that, on October 31, 1940, or as near that date as may be convenient, all chapters of this Fraternity, singly or in groups, shall hold special meetings in honor of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity. Programs at such meetings will be of a nature appropriate to the occasion. It is especially desired that this unusual opportunity to renew our knowledge of the history, ideals, and outstanding personalities of Phi Rho Sigma be utilized to the utmost advantage. Reports of the proceedings of these celebrations shall be sent to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Fraternity.

JONATHAN FORMAN, President

Attest:
RALPH W. ELLIOTT, Secretary

September 3, 1940.

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THE TWENTY-THIRD CONVENTION

TWENTY-THIRD GRAND CHAPTER CONVENTION

French Lick Springs Hotel - August 4, 1948

FIRST ROW (Seated, Left to Right): Dr. William Bromme, Dr. J. M. de los Reyes, Dr. C. H. William Ruhe, Dr. C. Guy Lane, Dr. Paul McLain, Dr. Stuart Wilson, Dr. F. L. Jaubert, Dr. Robert Graham, Dr. Dudley Stewart, James Bennett (Alpha)

SECOND ROW (Standing, Left to Right): Malcolm Fifield (Theta Tau), Alex Ratelle (Theta Tau), William Wenner (Zeta) Bernard Begley (Eta), Bruce MacMillan (Zeta), Michael Blais (D.O.A.), Nicholas Sekerak (Kappa), Herman Behla (Alpha Zeta), Fred Girton (Lambda Phi), Larry Hagmeier (Chi), Robert Cullen (Pi), Dr. J. H. Arnold, Dr. George W. Tate, John Corbett (Epsilon), Warren Jenkins (Alpha)

THIRD ROW (Standing, Left to Right): Raymond Miller (Chi), Dr. Truman G. Blocker, Jr., Alan Taylor (Beta-Gamma), Dr. Emil G. Holmstrom, Dr. Donald B. Cameron, Henry McLaughlin (Beta-Gamma), Dr. Arthur Erkfitz, Jack Langley (Alpha Nu), Albert Rizzo (Epsilon), N. Seymour Black (Alpha Eta), Franklyn Hicks (Alpha Eta), William C. Byrd, Jr. (Chi Theta), Neal Peterson (Delta), L. Rollins Richardson (Chi Delta), Ralph C. Newton (Chi Alpha)

The twenty-third meeting of the Grand Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma was held at the French Lick Springs Hotel, French Lick, Indiana, August 2-5, 1948. There were in attendance at the opening session eighteen delegates, seven alternates, six Councilors and two special guests. Eight chapters were not represented. The chair was occupied by President Paul L. McLain, *Chi*, throughout the three days' sessions. The convention was opened formally by President McLain on the morning of August 3. Following the seating of the delegates, Brother McLain delivered the traditional President's address. The address was entitled "Toward the Broader View" and dealt chiefly with the very important problem of the development of national consciousness in the Fraternity at large. Following the formal address the President explained the manner in which the business sessions of the convention would be conducted. As a point of departure from previous meetings of the Grand Chapter, no actual legislation was to be consummated until the final business session. The first day was reserved for reports of Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees, the second day was to be devoted entirely to discussion of general Fraternity problems, and on the third day any formal action deemed necessary was to be taken. The meetings were planned in this way so as to allow every delegate ample opportunity to think over the problems of the Grand Chapter before any formal action would be taken.

The first day's sessions, were, then, taken up entirely by reports by the Officers and Chairmen of the Standing Committees. There were presented, in order: reports by the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Editor, the Historian, the Trustees of the Student Loan Fund, Committee on Constitution and Laws, Committee on Ritual and Regalia, Committee on Central Office, Committee on Publications, Committee on Finance, Committee on Expansion and Reorganization. In the absence of the Editor, Lewis A. Alesen, *Beta*, the President read Brother Alesen's written report. In the absence of Jonathan Forman, *Omega*, Chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee on Central Office, a report was presented by the Secretary.

All of the reports were received with great interest by the members of the Grand Chapter, and considerable discussion followed each presentation. However, as mentioned previously, no formal action was in order on this opening day,

and all matters which appeared to require formal action were deferred until the final day.

DISCUSSION MEETINGS

Both morning and afternoon meetings on August 4 were devoted entirely to discussion of general Fraternity problems. It was in these sessions that probably the greatest benefit was derived by the delegates from various chapters, and everyone was given an opportunity to talk. The first subject of discussion was scholarship and it was led by James Bennett, *Alpha*. Brother Bennett spoke chiefly in answer to the question "What does my local chapter contribute to the medical education of the individual member?" Participation in the discussion on the general subject of scholarship was extensive and there were many valuable suggestions on how to stimulate scholarship in individual members and in the chapters as a whole. It was recommended that all chapters should make an active effort to improve the general level of scholastic standing among its members. The discussion was enhanced by some closing remarks from Guy Lane, *Nu*, the recipient of the Irving S. Cutter Award, which is described elsewhere.

The second subject for discussion was that of rushing. It was led by Bernard Begley, *Eta*. Brother Begley used as the basis for his discussion fifteen important points in rushing which had been set forth in an informal rush-clinic held on the evening preceding the first business session. Again, the participation by the delegates was extensive, and many extremely valuable ideas were advanced.

Next in order was the subject of undergraduate chapter - alumni relationships, under the leadership of Raymond Miller, *Chi*. Brother Miller outlined the way in which his local group handles this general problem, and then asked for suggestions from other delegates. These were offered freely. It was agreed that the burden of improving undergraduate-alumni relationships rests on the undergraduates, and that most alumni will cooperate if approached properly.

The next topic for discussion was the very important one of chapter finances. The problem of chapter finances for chapters which have their own houses was discussed by Malcolm Fifield, *Theta Tau*, while the problem of chapter finances for chapters which do not have houses was presented by William C. Byrd, Jr., *Chi Theta*. All of the delegates seemed to be fully aware of the necessity for having well organized financial programs under which to operate their chapter affairs. During the discussion, repeated reference was made to the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Finance, Howard B. Carroll, *Alpha*, which had been presented on the previous day. It was recommended that this report be mimeographed and sent to all chapters. The discussion on finance was further highlighted by remarks from Brother J. H. Arnold, *Alpha Nu*. Brother Arnold spoke at considerable length on the importance of having a standard simplified bookkeeping system for all chapters. He promised to present at a later time a practical system suitable for use in all chapters.

Next in order on the discussion agendum was the discussion of chapter programs. This was presented from two standpoints. John Corbett, *Epsilon*, discussed the problem of professional programs, and Bruce MacMillan, *Zeta*, discussed chapter social programs. Participation was again lively, and many novel ideas were advanced. The delegates were given many suggestions to carry back to their chapters for use during the coming year.

The last topic for discussion was that of Grand Chapter-local chapter relationships, and the discussion was opened by Seymour Black, *Alpha Eta*. Brother Black put his finger on several of the reasons for incomplete or unsatisfactory relationships between the local undergraduate chapter and the Grand Chapter. He strongly urged closer liaison among all of the chapters and greater national consciousness in individual chapters. Everyone who talked on this subject expressed the hope that there would be more visitation not only by National Officers but among undergraduate members from chapter to chapter. At the conclusion of this day's sessions it was obvious that everyone present had benefited greatly from the free exchange of ideas. Discussions did not end with the formal conclusion, but were carried on among individuals throughout the rest of the evening.

IMPORTANT ACTIONS TAKEN

On the final day of the convention, the business session was devoted to the transaction of business arising from the reports of the Standing Committees, the presentation of new business, and the election of National Officers for the coming biennium.

Two very important actions were taken in connection with the report of the Grand Chapter Committee on Constitution and Laws. In the first place, an interim ruling of the Executive Council was adopted as an addition to the Laws of the Fraternity. It was moved, seconded and carried that "under unusual circumstances where a layman has made a valuable contribution to any one chapter of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity, he be eligible for honorary associate membership, provided that his credentials are presented to the Executive Council by the petitioning chapter and that the application receives the unanimous approval of the Executive Council." This action was taken in order to honor laymen who have made outstanding contributions to the Fraternity. The second action taken in connection with the Laws was of even greater importance. Robert Graham, *Mu*, Chairman of the Committee on Constitution and Laws, in presenting this matter stated that over a period of years the Laws of the Fraternity had been gradually becoming outmoded. It was the feeling of the Committee on Laws that a complete recodification should be done between the present time and the time of the next Grand Chapter convention.

In this way the Laws could be brought up-to-date, discrepancies could be ironed out, and new Laws passed since the last printing could be added in their proper places. He therefore recommended that a committee of three graduate members be appointed to re-edit the Laws with additions and changes adopted since the publication of the Laws in 1939, and that the report of the committee be submitted to the chapters for action. It was then moved, seconded and carried that this recommendation be adopted by the Grand Chapter. In order that individual chapters might have a chance to voice their opinions on how the Laws should be re-written, it was decided that the Secretary should notify the chapters when the committee is about to begin operations. The chapters may make any recommendations which they may have directly to the committee at the time the re-writing is taking place.

The Committee on Resolutions presented for consideration several recommendations arising from the report of the International Board of Trustees. The actions which were taken are as follows: (1) It was moved, seconded and carried that all restrictions on the amount of money which may be loaned to a given individual from the Student Loan Fund and the implied restriction of loans to seniors be deleted and that in lieu of these restrictions the Trustees be given discretionary powers in granting of loans, provided their decision is unanimous. It was stated that this would constitute the official policy of the Fraternity until the Laws of the Fraternity are revised. (2) It was moved, seconded and carried that the allocation of Life Membership fees to the Student Loan Fund rather than to the Endowment Fund of the Fraternity be continued for the next biennium. (3) It was moved, seconded and carried that the custom of having one Trustee from Canada be continued indefinitely. In addition to the above measures the Committee on Resolutions asked that the sincere thanks of the Grand Chapter be extended to Mrs. Paul McLain, wife of the President, for making a white banner emblazoned with the coat of arms of the Fraternity. This beautiful banner hung in the meeting rooms through all the sessions of the Grand Chapter. The Secretary was instructed to obtain and present to Mrs. McLain a suitable memento of the Fraternity's appreciation.

Certain definite steps were also taken in connection with the report of the Committee on Ritual and Regalia. There had previously been considerable discussion as to whether the ritual should be revised or retained in its present form. It was moved, seconded and carried that the present initiation form be continued, that the chapters make an active effort to bring their equipment back into top form, and that if minor technical difficulties arise regarding the presentation of the initiation ceremony they be given leeway to substitute or to delete certain minor points that will not destroy the full meaning of the initiation. In previous discussions it had been pointed out by a number of the delegates that the ritual was difficult to understand when it was seen and heard for the first time. In an attempt to improve this situation, it was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive Council authorize a committee to prepare at the earliest possible moment an explanatory prologue interpreting the symbolic phases of the initiation ceremony for distribution to the chapters.

Under new business, J. H. Arnold, *Alpha Nu*, presented to the Grand Chapter a system of bookkeeping and asked that the system be recommended for use by all chapters. It was moved, seconded and carried that the bookkeeping system as presented be mimeographed and distributed to all chapters as a recommendation for their mode of keeping books.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

One of the final moves of the Grand Chapter was to elect officers for the coming biennium. Those chosen to serve until the next convention were as follows: Paul L. McLain, *Chi*, President; Robert M. Graham, *Mu*, Vice President for the United States; Harris M. Gray, *Alpha Epsilon*, Vice President for Canada; C. H. William Ruhe, *Chi*, Secretary and Treasurer; Jonathan Forman, *Omega*, Historian; George H. Kress, *Delta*, Editor; Norman M. Macneill, *Rho*, Advisory Council Representative; Paul L. McLain, *Chi*, Member of the Board of Trustees.

CONVENTION DEDICATION

RALPH W. ELLIOTT, M.D.
Kappa-Western Reserve

For the first time in the history of the Fraternity the convention of the Grand Chapter was dedicated to an individual. This signal honor was conferred upon one entirely worthy of it, Ralph W. Elliott, *Kappa*. It is not necessary to recount to any member of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity the many things which Ralph Elliott has done to merit such acclaim. It is sufficient to say that the convention was dedicated in grateful recognition of over a quarter century of outstanding service to his Fraternity.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER - THE MAN AND HIS MIND.

By George Seaver. Harper Brothers, New York. $3.75.

A biography of, as the New York Times says, "a mental, physical and spiritual giant." You will be well repaid for reading this book.

PHI RHO MEDALISTS FOR 1948

Continuing the practice begun at the 1946 convention, the Fraternity awarded gold medals to two outstanding members. The Irving S. Cutter Medal, an award given to a member of Phi Rho Sigma Fraternity who has made an outstanding contribution to medicine, was presented to C. Guy Lane, *Nu*, Emeritus Professor of Dermatology at Harvard University. President McLain made the presentation on the evening of August 3. In response, Brother Lane presented an inspiring address, entitled, *Osler as a Stimulus to Students of Medicine.* As the title implies, the address was designed to use the life of Osler as an inspiration for young men in the study of medicine.

The second medal, named the Jesse Ansley Griffin Medal in honor of the founder of Chi Zeta Chi Fraternity, is presented to a member of the Fraternity who has made an outstanding contribution to Phi Rho Sigma. This year's recipient was Stuart Wilson, *Zeta*, past National President and for many years one of the outstanding leaders of the Fraternity. This award was presented on the evening of August 4, and was followed by Brother Wilson's address to the Grand Chapter. Brother Wilson's remarks dealt with his experiences in the Fraternity through many of its formative years. The complete address is presented elsewhere in this issue.

Dr. Roland M. Klemme (Alpha Delta-Washington), general chairman of the International College of Surgeons (founded in Geneva, Switzerland, and incorporated in Washington, D.C.), United States Chapter, recently issued invitations to the Thirteenth Assembly and Convocation of the United States Chapter, to be held at the Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis, Missouri, Monday through Saturday, November 15-16-17-18-19-20, 1948.

The program will feature surgical clinics on Monday and Saturday, and national and international lecturers on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

PHI RHOS—HERE AND THERE . . . AS THEY COME AND GO

Dr. Jonathan Forman, (Omega-Ohio State), at a meeting of the Ohio Valley Society of Allergists recently held in Cincinnati, was elected president of the society.

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Dr. Jonathan Forman, Editor of *The Ohio State Medical Journal* and President-Elect of The American Coliegs of Allergists, appeared as a guest lecturer in the post-graduate course being given at the University of Michigan.

He spoke on Bronchial Asthma at a morning session and at an afternoon session gave a clinical demonstration on the same subject. On the following day, he lectured on "Drug and Serum Allergy."

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On Wednesday evening, May 26, Dr. Forman, past president of Phi Rho Sigma, was the guest of **Zeta-Michigan** Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma and the alumni at a reception and dinner. During the evening, Dr. Forman addressed the chapter and guests on "The Practice of Medicine As We Find It Today."

Dr. Arthur M. Lassek (Chi Delta-University of South Carolina Chapter), head of the department of anatomy at the Medical College of the State of South Carolina, Charleston, since 1932, was appointed Waterhouse Professor of Anatomy at the Boston University School of Medicine, effective July 1.

Dr. Louis D. McGuire (Eta-Creighton), Assistant Professor of Surgery, Creighton University, and a very active alumnus of Eta of Phi Rho Sigma, was recently host at his home at a party held for all the Actives.

Eta Chapter (Creighton) of Phi Rho Sigma held its Annual Dinner Ball in honor of the graduating Actives at the Blackstone Hotel in Omaha.

Dr. L. E. Etter (Chi-Pittsburgh), roentgenologist at the Western State Psychiatric Hospital and Clinic, University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, read a paper on "Roentgen Anatomical Studies of the Skull and Pneumoencephalograms" at a recent meeting of the Pennsylvania Radiological Society held in Erie, Pa. An exhibit by Dr. Etter by the same title was given First Award.

Dr. Edward H. Cary (Alpha Omicron—Southwestern Medical College) honored with a biographical volume.—An announcement by publisher J. A. Majors Company, 108 Edgewood Ave., Atlanta, Georgia, states that Mr. Booth Mooney, a trained journalist, has written the dramatic story of an Alabama boy (Dr. Edward H. Cary), who became this decade's Elder Statesman of American Medicine. It is a chronicle of conflict, a graphic narrative of the victory of ideals over prejudice.

The announcement states also:

"Dr. Cary has been a force in medical education in Texas and the nation since the turn of the century. He was for many years dean of the Medical School of Baylor University and founded Southwestern Medical College in 1943. An ophthalmologist of national fame, Dr. Cary served as President of the American Medical Association in 1933. In recent years he has been an uncompromising opponent of socialized medicine and, as Chairman of the Board of the National Physicians Committee, has spearheaded organized medicine's fight against compulsory health insurance."

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YOU AND YOUR FRATERNITY

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university life, is naturally attenuated. Nevertheless, such influence is discernible, especially for the professional and honorary groups, as a continuous, buoyant background for lofty idealism and excellence of professional attainment.

It is important for fraternity members to understand their own relationships with their respective fraternities. They can expect too much, realize too little, and be bitterly disappointed. It is important to recognize the obligations of the fraternity to the school and to the particular cause which it espouses. Such obligations are the framework of the fraternity structure.

NEW CHAPTER—ALPHA PI—INSTALLED AT UNIVERSITY OF UTAH IN SALT LAKE CITY

ALUMNI CHAPTER ORGANIZED

ALPHA PI CHAPTER — INSTALLED APRIL 24, 1948

STANDING (LEFT TO RIGHT): Spindler, McClellan, Taylor, D. Smith, Major, Wilson, M. Smith, Jenson, Latteier, Peterson, Neff, H. Warner, Morgan (advisor), Holmstrom (Councilor)

SITTING (Left to Right): Passey, King, Stirland, Carr, R. Warner, Boggess, Weil

On Saturday, April 24, 1948, Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Utah School of Medicine and the Salt Lake City Alumni Chapter were added to the official Phi Rho Sigma family. The installations took place in a quiet but impressive ceremony at the Salt Lake City home of H. L. Marshall, *Alpha Beta,* Professor and Head of Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine, Utah Medical School. Paul L. McLain, *Chi,* President of the Grand Chapter, formally installed the new chapters and was assisted by C. H. William Ruhe, *Chi,* Secretary-Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and J. M. de los Reyes, *Rho,* Deputy Chairman of the Grand Chapter Committee on Expansion. There are twenty men in the newly chartered undergraduate group, all students at the University of Utah School of Medicine. Before receiving the Alpha Pi charter, the new men were formally initiated in a special ceremony conducted by Brothers McLain, Ruhe and de los Reyes, assisted by E. G. Holmstrom, *Theta Tau,* Professor and Head of Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Utah Medical School. The Alumni Charter Group is made up of nine alumni who live in Salt Lake City.

The members of the two new chapters and the chapter officers are as follows:

ALPHA PI CHAPTER

Robert S. Warner, President; F. Willis Taylor, Vice President; Blaine H. Passey, Recording Secretary; Ronald W. King, Corresponding Secretary; Mayo W. Smith, Treasurer.

Dasil C. Smith, Junius W. McClellan, Glenn C. Wilson, Melvin A. Lyman, Jack D. Boggess, Homer L. Warner, T. F. Spindler, Stanley D. Neff, Mark B. Jenson, Marion G. Peterson, Andrew F. Latteier, John L. Weil, Taylor H. Carr, Samuel H. Major, Russell N. Stirland, Jr.

SALT LAKE CITY ALUMNI CHAPTER

Emil G. Holmstrom, President; Frank D. Spencer, Vice President; Walter L. Felt, Secretary; John J. Galligan, Treasurer.

Robert S. Allison, H. L. Marshall, Edwin R. Murphy, John T. Mason, David Morgan.

Following the initiation ceremony, the Salt Lake City Alumni charter was presented to Brother Holmstrom by President McLain.

Brother Holmstrom, in a short acceptance speech, stated that the Alumni Chapter hoped to increase considerably in size and would try to help the new undergraduate chapter in every way possible. Brother Warner then accepted the Alpha Pi charter on behalf of the undergraduate group.

With the new chapters formally installed, President McLain officially appointed Brother Holmstrom Councilor for Utah, and expressed the hope that the members of Alpha Pi Chapter would work harmoniously with him in his position as official representative of the Grand Chapter.

Chief credit for the successful formation of the new chapters goes properly to Brothers de los Reyes and Holmstrom, who did almost all of the groundwork preparatory to the installation.

Chapter Eternal

CARLTON S. ALLEN
1884 - 1948

Dr. Carlton S. Allen (*Delta- U. So. Calif.*), physician for the Los Angeles Railway for 25 years and as assistant medical director for the California State Department of Unemployment, died of a heart attack on May 5, 1948.

Born in Story City, Iowa, Dr. Allen came to Los Angeles 47 years ago. He was graduated from the University of Southern California School of Medicine. After terminating his affiliation with the LARY some 10 years ago, he entered private practice for several years and then enlisted in the Army Medical Corps during the war, retiring with the rank of colonel. He was a 1st lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps in World War I.

ARTHUR C. ROTHROCK
1886 - 1948

Dr. Arthur C. Rothrock, *(Lambda-Phi—Med-Chi—Pa.)* who was in charge of Paia Hospital since 1916 until his recent retiring, passed away at his home in Paia on Monday, August 9, 1948.

Dr. Rothrock was born in Reedsville, Pa., and attended the schools of that city, and then Pennsylvania State College and obtained his medical degree at the University of Pennsylvania in 1912.

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MEDICAL SCHOOLS AND PHI RHO SIGMA*

The Jesse Ansley Griffin Memorial Address

STUART WILSON, M.D., *Zeta*

STUART WILSON, M. D.
Zeta-Michigan
Past President, Phi Rho Sigma

Brothers in Phi Rho Sigma, I am deeply appreciative of the honor of giving "The Jesse Ansley Griffin Memorial Address." Dr. Griffin was the founder of Chi Zeta Chi Fraternity, amalgamated with Phi Rho Sigma on October 14, 1903.

Your Secretary, Dr. Ruhe, has been hounding me for a title, but I am sure when I have finished that he will agree with me that Pot Pourri is perhaps the only one suitable, and I cannot sing a note.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS IN THE NINETIES

Medical education in the nineties was rather crude. The faculties were busy practitioners, the instruction was more practical than basic. The students had no social or intimate contact with their professors. In fact, the medical student was considered sort of a rowdy. At the Chicago Medical College, an affiliate of Northwestern University, a small group of men rallied around Milbank Johnson and his ideas of forming a society of medical students to try and improve their social habits, scholarship and relations with the faculty. Thus the Alpha Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma was founded in the fall of 1890.

The growth of the fraternity from this time is a record of the work of loyal undergraduate and graduate Phi Rho's. Each new chapter resulted from the efforts of a transfer student, an intern, or an alumnus in the community.

The early organization was patterned after the so-called literary fraternities. In fact, in the minds of some of the literary groups, there was no reason for a medical fraternity and some even forbade dual membership.

Professor Joseph McFarland, while President of this fraternity, brought forcibly to the attention of faculties that Phi Rho Sigma was not just a social club but had much to offer to the medical schools if given the opportunity. Under his guidance new relationship between student and faculty developed.

MEDICAL SCHOOLS AFTER WORLD WAR I

Following World War I the fraternity had twenty-eight active chapters. The medical schools and hospitals were undergoing a change. There was no central source of information about them. It became evident that Phi Rho Sigma could be of real service to its members in accrediting schools and hospitals, and making this information easily available. This was accomplished through our alumni. Of course, now such lists are available through the A. M. A. Council on Medical Education and the American College of Surgeons.

A medical school now is rated and it probably is not within the function of a medical fraternity to question these ratings, but in the Twenties ratings were unheard of.

* Given at the Twenty-third Session of the Grand Chapter of Phi Rho Sigma, French Lick Springs, Indiana, August 2, 1948.

I speak of this because in those days in considering schools for future chapters we had very little to go on, and probably were over critical in some of our decisions.

There was a new militant spirit in the land and medical students were no exception. I feel now, nearly thirty years later, that we probably took this situation too seriously and lost some chapters that could have been salvaged, if we had been more patient. Schools vary in their complexion in various years. One chapter was allowed to flounder because it was thought that the type of student attracted to this particular school was not fraternity calibre, and this was true for a short time, but in a few years this all changed again and we were without a chapter there.

The chapters at Harvard and University of Virginia were withdrawn during my Presidency and I now think this was a mistake. So, I leave this word of warning about the retention of chapters: be understanding, patient, and give time a chance to heal. Your Alumni can be of great assistance if kept informed.

THE NEW ERA OF MEDICAL EDUCATION

We are now in a new era of medical education. The physical plants of most schools have been rebuilt, the faculties are new and composed of younger men. The science of medicine has progressed rapidly and the horizon has widened. The training period for most of you has been lengthened.

Phi Rho Sigma now has the opportunity of close relations with its members during a training period of from four to eight years. This apparently is a difficult procedure or it would have been actively engaged in.

MEDICAL FRATERNITY PROBLEMS

A new contact on a different level should be developed to take care of the intern, resident, and his wife or sweetheart. The doctor who goes to another city for his training could be given a letter of introduction to an Alumni Committee whose function would be Fraternal Host.

The relationship of the Alumni to the local chapter is an important function of the chapter. The National Fraternity should carry on a constant series of contacts, educational in character, as to fraternity ideals and activities with these key men.

I wonder how many chartered Alumni chapters were invited and urged to send a delegate to this meeting of the Grand Chapter?

A well organized chapter of a medical fraternity can contribute much to the making of better doctors.

The College does not educate its student, but gives him the opportunity to pursue an education. Medical education is technical and does not and probably never will cover the more intimate and social relationship of life.

The right group will make lifelong imprint. A fraternity chapter comes nearest to the replacement of the home. In some medical schools there is conflict between the dormitory system and fraternity. Time only will furnish the answer to this in graduate schools.

A strong, forceful belief in Phi Rho Sigma will furnish the needed impetus to reactivate some of our ill chapters.

In this renaissance well-chosen Alumni groups can be of great service.

The fraternity may seem unimportant in these busy, turbulent times. I say to you, "Any strong, emotional force, possessing, as does Phi Rho Sigma, some sixty years of service behind it in making better doctors, is worth working for."

We must recapture the fundamental belief in our right to the freedom of life. The right to live, to work, to vote, to be self-respecting, and earn the respect of others, is precious and must not be brushed aside by so-called social reforms and ideologies.

Life, like a game, needs rules and regulations, and, at times, an umpire to interpret and apply these rules. We are in a period when the umpire is being replaced by a dictator, who writes his own rules, enforces them and even calls the plays.

I believe that Phi Rho Sigma is a needed influence in the making of better doctors.

PHI RHOS—HERE AND THERE

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Dr. Perry P. Volpitto (Kappa-Western Reserve) was among the guest speakers at the last meeting of the Alabama State Medical Society held at Mobile. Dr. Volpitto is Councilor for **Chi Alpha**-University of Georgia Chapter.

Dr. Odon F. von Werssowetz (Alpha Epsilon-Toronto) is now Chief of Physical Medicine Service at Thayer Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. He recently published a paper in the *Archives of Physical Medicine*, entitled "Physical Measures in the Treatment of Burns."

Dr. Harold Boyd Stewart (Omega-Ohio State), Tulsa, recently elected president of the American Society of Anesthesiologists, gives Oklahoma State Medical Association its first member to be named to the presidency of a national specialist group. Dr. Stewart is one of the founders of the American Board of Anesthesiology and was a member of the board from 1937 to 1946. He served as its president in 1944. From 1932 to 1935 he was president of the Southern Association of Anesthetists. Dr. Stewart graduated from the Ohio State University College of Medicine in 1923 and after practicing three years in Springfield went to Oklahoma, August 1, 1927, as chief of the department of anesthesiology at St. John's Hospital in Tulsa. He was president of the Tulsa County Medical Society in 1942 and a member of the board of trustees from 1943 to 1947, and a member of the Blue Cross board of directors.

Dr Jonathan Forman (Omega-Ohio State) Arranges Program of "Friends of the Land."—The Seventh Annual Conference on Conservation, Nutrition, and Health, arranged by Jonathan Forman and O. E. Fink was held in the Alumni Memorial Auditorium of Ohio University campus, Athens, Ohio, on Saturday and Sunday, June 26-27, 1948. The Conference on Conservation, Nutrition, and Health was held under the sponsorship of "Friends of the Land," Ohio University cooperating. The 12-page information program in the section "Who Are the Speakers" states the following concerning Dr. Forman:

"Jonathan Forman, M.D., F.A.A.A., F.A.C.A., Vice President 'Friends of the Land,' Editor of the *Ohio State Medical Journal*, Editor of the *"Land Letter."*"

DR. P. F. LUCCHESI (*Rho* - Jefferson) RECEIVES STRITTMATTER AWARD AND MEDAL

On September 22, 1948 the Philadelphia County Medical Society presented a Certificate of Award and the Strittmatter Medal to Dr. Pascal F. Lucchesi (*Rho*-Jefferson). Dr. Lucchesi is Superintendent and Medical Director, Philadelphia General Hospital. The certificate stated:

CERTIFICATE

The Philadelphia County Medical Society is pleased to present the Twenty-Fifth "Dr. I. P. Strittmatter Award" for the year 1947 to Pascal F. Lucchesi, M.D., M.P.H., "in recognition of his outstanding service to medical education and to the public health in Philadelphia, rendered through his cooperative spirit and wise and fair-minded policies, lately as Medical Director and Superintendent of the Philadelphia General Hospital, and formerly as Medical Director and Superintendent of the Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases."

This annual award—a gold medical and scroll—is made possible through the generosity of I. P. Strittmatter, M.D., to foster high ideals and distinguished service redounding to the credit of the medical profession in the interest of humanity.

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Excerpts from an abstract of Address delivered by Dr. Lucchesi, recipient of the Twenty-fifth Annual Strittmatter Award, follow:

The Philadelphia County Medical Society has played a great part in organized medicine by stimulating public health interest. . . .

The United States has more doctors, dentists, nurses, public health workers and wealth per capita than any nation on earth. Why, then, have we not progressed a great deal further in the field of public health? One of the chief reasons believed by Dr. Lucchesi is due to the great dilution of strength which exists by the many governmental units that exercise public health jurisdictions. In Pennsylvania alone, there are 755 public health jurisdictions. . . .

The reason for the lack of interest is (1) the absence of a Specialty Board, (2) the absence of a merit system, (3) poor salaries, (4) tenure of office, (5) minimal qualifications set up by the medical profession. . . .

These things can be accomplished by unity of action of all public health agencies, voluntary and official, throughout the country. The establishment of a Health Council in this State is a necessity.

FRONT

REVERSE SIDE

A replica of the Gold Medal (front and reverse sides) and Certificate presented to Dr. Pascal F. Lucchesi at The Philadelphia County Medical Society, September 22, 1948.

ALBERT SCHWEITZER - AN ANTHOLOGY.

Edited by Charles R. Joy. Harper & Brothers, New York, $3.75.

Here you will find the essential things about Schweitzer and his varied writings. Schweitzer is one of the greatest living individuals in the world today — theologian, foremost exponent of Bach, organ builder, philosopher, and a missionary doctor in Africa.

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Following his graduation, he went to Hawaii and served his internship at Queen's Hospital from 1912 to 1914. He started practice of medicine at Paia in 1916.

The Maui News of August 14, 1948 makes editorial comment as follows:

ARTHUR C. ROTHROCK

Dr. A. C. Rothrock lived a full life, devoted to his fellow-man. He liked all men, and all men liked him.

"Rocky" came to Hawaii to seek his place in medicine, and he lived out his entire life in his adopted home, winning an ever widening circle of friends in his 34 years of residence. Maui first knew Dr. Rothrock in 1914 after he had completed his internship at Queen's. He came to Paia, joined the hospital staff and thereupon commenced a career that was to gain him recognition as one of the Territory's greatest surgeons.

But it will be for the human qualities of "Rocky" Rothrock that Mauians will best remember him. He was a thoughtfully patient man, possessed of a quiet, subtle sort of humor that was never unkind. In his unostentatious way, he gave confidence to those who came to him in travail, no matter how trivial the ill.

The death of "Rocky" Rothrock removes another link between the present Maui and a dramatic past. He helped to carve the history of that past.

ALBERT S. BARR
1882 - 1948

Dr. Albert S. Barr, *(Zeta-Michigan)* Ann Arbor ophthalmologist for the past 28 years and former resident ophthalmologist at the University Hospital, died on April 27, 1948.

He was born November 18, 1882, in Grand Island, Nebraska.

He was graduated from the University's School of Medicine in 1909, practicing in Pequaming and Greenville, Mich., prior to his service as a captain in the Army Medical Corps in World War I. Dr. Barr spent one year overseas.

Returning, he became a member of the University Hospital staff from 1919 to 1922 Dr. Barr took postgraduate work both in New York and Boston.

Among the organizations of which he was a member are the Michigan State Medical Society, the Michigan Triological Society, the American Medical Association, the Detroit Ophthalmological Society and the American Academy of Ophthamology and Otolaryngology. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Ophthalmology.

HEALTH REFORM IN NEW ZEALAND.

Doctor Douglas Robb. Charles C. Thomas Publisher, Springfield, Ill. $1.00.

One of the best things I have come across about Socialized Medicine and the way it works out "down under" in New Zealand.

WHAT THE PRESS WRITES ABOUT PHI RHO'S . . . ALSO ABOUT THIS AND THAT IN MEDICAL AND FRATERNAL CIRCLES . . . "AND WE QUOTE:"

Detroit Newspaper

Dr. William J. Stapleton, Jr., Epsilon, receives honorary degree of Doctor of Arts in Medical Education. — A record Wayne University graduating class of 1,067 students was warned by Dean T. R. McConnell, of the University of Minnesota's college of science, literature and the arts, that the responsibility of planning and working for future peace rests on them.

California Physicians Service "Progress"

National Blue Shield-Blue Cross Conference. — The California Physicians' Service acted as co-host for the national conference of Blue Shield-Blue Cross organizations recently held in Los Angeles. More than 300 delegates from the Blue Shield and Blue Cross Plants of the nation attended.

A highlight of the sessions was an address by Dr. Paul R. Hawley, *Pi*, Indiana, at a luncheon meeting. Dr. Hawley, recently appointed National Executive Director of the combined Blue Shield-Blue Cross Plans, was Major General in Command of Army medical services in the European Theater during World War II. His later achievements under General Omar Bradley, in reorganizing and extending the Medical Department of the Veterans' Administration, culminated in the establishment of the Home Town Medical Care program.

The objective of the conference is the formulation of procedures and plans for closer cooperation between the many Blue Shield and Blue Cross plans which now provide prepaid medical and hospital care for more than 29,000,000 Americans. The successful achievement of this objective on a national scale will do much to determine the course of future legislative proposals on medical care.

Banta's Greek Exchange

Insurance Plan for Chapter House Fund. —To set up a definite means of obtaining funds equitably and painlessly from alumni, all new initiates of the Union College chapter of Psi Upsilon must take out a $1,000 life insurance policy, from which the first $100 in dividends accrues to the chapter. The initiate names a beneficiary of his choice for the policy, but the chapter first receives the balance of the $100 if death occurs before dividends have been sufficient. The plan is also voluntary for old members.

Banta's Greek Exchange

Chapter House Memorials to Military Members. —At a brief, dignified and impressive ceremony at the chapter house of Phi Kappa Psi at Brown University, two gifts were dedicated as war memorials. The first one consists of two honor roll scrolls which carry the names of the 227 members of the chapter who wore the uniform of one of the branches of service during the second World War. This was given by six members of the chapter who had sons, also members of the chapter, in the service. The second is a bronze plaque memorializing the seven members of the chapter who lost their lives in the service.

Detroit Medical News

Dr. William Bromme, Zeta, takes on editorship of Detroit Medical News. — The retiring editorial board welcomed him in the following salutation:

Bill Bromme, who is the new editor of our Detroit Medical News, needs no introduction. His capabilities are recognized by the membership, by the number of complimentary letters his editorials precipitated. Editors of medical bulletins and journals have given him the nod by reprinting many of his writings.

This is a return engagement for Bill, having served his first stint under the regime of Jerry Simpson. Since then many things have happened to the world and, therefore, to medicine and the new editor was in the thick of those happenings. He is particularly well equipped to point out the way for us in trying to cope with some of the after effects of this social change by violence.

The retiring Editorial Board wishes him well.

PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

American College of Allergists Schedules Meeting in Cincinnati, November 3-8, 1948 — The American College of Allergists has announced a fall graduate instructional course in allergy, to be held November 3-8, in Cincinnati, under the auspices of the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine.

Dr. Jonathan Forman, (*Omega — Ohio State*) editor of *The Ohio State Medical Journal*, will speak on "Present Status of Anti-Histamine Drugs."

Dr. Vincent J. Derbes, (*D. O. A. — Tulane, New Orleans*) will discuss "Allergic Bronchitis, Bronchiectasis and Loeffler's Syndrome."

North Carolina Medical Journal

National Medical Public Relations Conference — A national medical public relations conference, first of its kind, is to be held in St. Louis on November 27. Dr. George F. Lull, (*Rho-Jefferson*) secretary-manager of the American Medical Association, announced the meeting, which his office will sponsor.

"Shooting at Common Targets in Medical Public Relations" is the theme of the conference, to which will be invited public relations directors, executive secretaries charged with public relations duties, and public relations committee chairman from each of the forty-eight state medical societies.

Carefully selected discussion leaders from the state societies will grapple with these six major social issues facing the medical profession: selling the need of public relations to state medical society members, encouraging wider use of medical prepayment plans, setting up workable systems for handling night calls, the rebate problem, developing good will with labor, farm, industrial and co-op groups, and cooperating with health agencies.

Ohio State Medical Journal

Voluntary Medical Care Plans Increase —The Council on Medical Service reported that the voluntary prepayment medical care program continues to progress, and that 47 of the 48 states, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico have plans in operation, organized, or in the process of development.

Indianapolis Star

Dr. Carl P. Huber Heads Medicine School Division of Indiana University School of Medicine. — Advancement of Dr. Carl P. Huber (*Zeta—Michigan*) to the chairmanship of the new department of obstetrics and gynecology in the Indiana University School of Medicine was recently announced.

Atlanta Constitution

Prescribes Leisure, and Juleps for Long Life.— Abandonment of two "good old Southern traditions" — a leisurely tempo of life and frequent mint juleps—may be responsible for the marked increase of heart disease in the South.

That, at least, is the theory of Dr. George R. Herrman (*Zeta—Michigan*) Professor of Medicine at the University of Texas, who addressed the Medical Association of Georgia in Atlanta, Georgia.

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